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### HEROIC WOMEN'S WORK.

Made Bags For Defense of Legations, White Cannons Roared.

Lady Macdonald, Mrs. Conger and the other ladies of the legation offered their curtains and portieres for use, and the scissors ruthlessly cut up most exquisitely embroidered draperies into sand bags, while those who were in charge of the fortifications continually sent messengers asking for "more, more." One of the mission ladies had just laid in a new supply of table linen, and some of the native Christians, finding it and knowing whose it was, brought it to her. This, with all like material, was used, as were drawn-work linen sheets and pillow cases, while bolts of rare damask linen were cut up without compunction. In fact, all sense of cost, and even sense of beauty, seemed to be lost in the eager desire to furnish the means of protection to human lives. Besides these beautiful things thus sacrificed there were also used common materials, such as old Mongol tents, hangings to Sedan chairs and stacks of old Chinese clothing. These were cut out and sometimes sewed by foreign ladies unused to other than delicate work. However, the foreign ladies were greatly assisted by the Chinese girls of the mission schools, and by the women of the families of native Christians. Of the former there were some 150. Beside the supplies brought from the foreign stores there were great rolls of cotton cloth, also of silk and brocade satin, from Chinese stores. The Chinese at their funerals wear special garments. Many of these were used, the long, large sleeves being well suited to the purpose of bag-making. It was a continual surprise, that new supplies from new sources came in each day as needed.

The housekeeping committee and those who worked in the diet kitchen were particularly hard worked, being constantly busy, and exhibited an ingenuity in planning and preparing appetizing edibles that was marvelous. The materials were horseflesh (called pony meat), coarse wheat flour and a dark-colored rice. These were the staple materials. There was a small quantity of canned meats, which was used as an occasional relish. The white rice and all delicacies were reserved for the babies and the sick. One of the missionaries told me she went each day to another part of the legation, in constant danger of flying bullets, to get a slice of white bread for her sick baby. The woman having the flour baked a loaf each day, not for the use of her family, but for the sick.

While there were three ladies on the standing committee of housekeeping, all the ladies took their turns in looking after the cooking, serving, table setting, etc. As there were seventy in this family they were divided into three messes. And it was necessary to have three of each of the meals. As the dining room was also living and sleeping room, it required much work to keep it in presentable condition. One of the hardest things to bear was the utter impossibility of having quiet. There were times when it was unsafe for any one to be outside the building, and all work had to be done with a large number in the room. Outside was the roar of artillery; inside, three busy sewing machines, and women and children, and servants at work, besides all the men not required outside on the fortifications or at the mill. This constant noise—and impossibility to be alone—was more wearing upon the nervous system than any amount of work.—Leslie's Weekly.

### Light Felt Hats Popular.

Felt assumes every color. Quite recently a taste was developed for pale rose colored, sky blue and mauve of different shades. This does not mean, however, that there is any decrease in the demand for chalky white and pale beige, and for the many shades of light, medium and dark browns. The deeper positive tones most in vogue for felts are "Coquelicot" and "Pauvre," and a dark, dull green, which does not figure on the color card of this season, and which may be described as a much darker shade of the two light greens sampled under the names of "exposition" and "universelle." Pale blue and pink felts make charming dressy hats for young girls. Some of these of the soft formless shape intended to be worn off the face are very simply trimmed; as, for instance, with a breadth of liberty silk to match, twisted round the crown and then passing over the brim in front and fastened to a narrow coronet of ribbon by a small bunch of flowers. The mauve hats have a somewhat less youthful appearance. One is of a Parma tint; the brim is caught back by a torsade of mirror velvet to match, that also encircles the crown, and the hat rests on a coronet in which are fastened two half-open roses of a Bordeaux tint, with a few brown leaves. About the edge of the brim, the head resting on the velvet torsade, is a narrow skin.—Millinery Trade Review.

### Care of the Finger Nails.

The ugliest hands can be improved if a little careful attention is given to the nails. The paring of them is im-

portant, they should be brilliantly polished, and, of course, the appearance of the milk white crescents is one of the chief features of a pretty finger nail. The shape in which the nails are cut should depend to a certain extent on the shape of the finger tips, but blunt shaped nails are generally considered the most beautiful. Manicuring will do much to beautify the hands, and if but one hour a week is given up to the care of them excellent results may be expected. Every day, after washing, the flesh at the base of the nail should be pressed back.

Lemon is one of the best mediums to use for removing stains from nails, and orange wood sticks should be employed for cleaning the skin beneath the nails. Rough hands will be improved by being rubbed with a soaped nailbrush daily. Brittle nails need the application of a stiff toilet cream nightly.

After the nails have had their daily brush and clean, they should be polished with a chamols pad. Rough powders are sold for the purpose of giving a pretty pink tinge to the nails. When these are used they should be sprinkled over the nail before it is polished with the pad.

### America's Grand Old Woman.

At the great bazar of the Woman Suffrage Association, which was held in Madison Square Garden, in New York City, one of the chief attractions was the presence of Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Sharp of intellect, keen of mind, and impressive in speech as ever, Mrs. Stanton is rounding out her long and important life in a golden age of fruition and consummation. Debarred now from public speaking, and from more than occasional presence at gatherings at which she was once the personal leader and vivifying inspiration, Mrs. Stanton still exerts a far-reaching influence. From the big mahogany armchair in which her delightful apartment overlooking Riverside Drive and the Hudson beyond, she sits enthroned, more commanding than many a figure embodying the inheritance of a dynasty, the venerable woman watches the world's events as they pass, keeping a sharp eye on those that relate to the efforts to which she has given her life, and almost equally interested in everything that pertains to the development of her race. She often dictates strong, vigorous utterances for publication, and every day her afternoons are spent with her secretary, writing and answering letters and attending to the innumerable details of a still active life.

One who meets Mrs. Stanton now, with her eighty-five years completed a few days ago, feels like paraphrasing Gladstone's title and calling her the Grand Old Woman. Like Gladstone, she has fought many battles, scored victories and suffered some defeats. Like him, too, she has never known when she was beaten, counting successful opposition merely a temporary setback, to counteract which renewed effort must be made. Like Gladstone, too, physical disability has not weakened close interest in public affairs, nor, for a single moment, made her think that everything is not worth while. Rich in memories and retrospect, it is a privilege to have her draw upon them in her listener's interest. She has none of the garrulity of age. She will condense the struggle of years in a phrase, though her eye will kindle and her voice thrill over the recollection of what the accomplishing has cost her.—Harper's Bazar.

### Take Children Into Partnership.

A lady was recently speaking of her plan to keep all business cares and anxieties from the knowledge of her children—keeping everything depressing out of their life, she called it—that they might be free to enjoy themselves as long as possible, with no feeling of trouble or responsibility. "But will that really add to their happiness in the long run?" asked an older mother, dissenting. "We have always tried to take our children into partnership—to have them share our plans and interests, and let them know what we are trying to do and what we have to live on. It seems to me that successes are more valued if they come as something one has hoped for and helped to work for, and retrenchments are more easily borne if they are intelligently agreed upon in the family council instead of forced upon the younger members with only the bald statement that we cannot afford this or that. It strengthens the family tie if the children feel that it is our home, our business and our interest; if they know that their opinion is considered and that their votes count; it is a means of education in wisdom, self-control and unselfishness. Life's best good for all of us lies in its discipline; not in escaping its burdens, but in learning how to bear them.—Leslie's Weekly.

### New Styles in Hats.

All the new hats are shallow at the back and stand out a good deal in front, but toques will be very fashionable, and the black velvet picture hat of moderate size is certain to be popular. Panne is also used for toques and for bows in straw and ermine hats. All bows, whether of silk or velvet, are stiffened by the edges being stitched in many rows, and frequently the stitching is in a different color, such as heliotrope or pale blue on violet, amber or pink, or white on black, but the color is invariably repeated beneath the brim, either in flowers or in choux of silk or chiffon.

The deaf mute is the man who wants a little hear below.

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No beauty's deeper than the skin; Though that be pearly, if within The mind's incapable of flexion, Life soon takes on a warm complexion.

—Chicago Times-Herald.

### They Are Well Laid.

"What do you think of the plans for that gigantic corner in eggs?"  
"I think they are well laid."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

### A Proposal and Acceptance.

He—"I want you to take me seriously."  
She—"I'll take you any way you like."—Boston Courier.

### Productions of Belgium.

Teacher—"What are the Belgians noted for, Willie?"  
Willie—"Hares and blocks, ma'am."—Yonkers Statesman.

### A Deposed Ruler.

Spudds—"How do you like your new cook?"  
Heuppe—"Oh, fine; my wife isn't boss of the establishment any longer."—Detroit Free Press.

### Vehicles of Expression.

"Is he a hack writer?"  
"No," answered Miss Cayenne, "his style is too mechanical for that. I should say he was more of an automobile."—Washington Star.

### Not Forgotten.

She—"I do believe that you forgot this was our wedding day's third anniversary."  
He—"Indeed, I didn't. I just met the second of the notes I negotiated to buy the furniture when we were married."—Indianapolis Press.

### Timely Application.

Mrs. Watson—"Did I understand you to say that you were going to a club dinner to-night?"  
Mr. Watson—"Yes."  
Mrs. Watson—"I have got to have \$10 this morning to buy Ethel a new coat."—Louisville Journal.

### The Rush.

"The curse of this country," remarked the somber man, "is the wild rush for riches."  
"That's right," answered the busy friend. "Every time I see a dollar I want, it seems to me there are half a dozen people reaching after it."

### Her Clever Rejection.

"What did you do when that horrid Mr. Waxm proposed to you?"  
"He proposed by letter, and I simply returned the proposal after writing across the face of the envelope, 'Opened by mistake,' and then signed my name to it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### A Preference.

"What's the use of telling over a desk trying to accumulate a little money?" inquired young Mr. Happigo.  
"Because I want to be secure against want," answered the serious friend.  
"But you will soon be bent with care."  
"Possibly. But I'd rather be bent than broke."

### Obligations Discharged.

Mrs. Buggins—"I did something today that I've been screwing up my courage to do for a long time. I paid that odious Mrs. B Jones a call I've owed for a long time."  
Mr. Buggins—"I can sympathize with you, my dear. I paid the odious Mr. B Jones a bill I've owed just as long."—Philadelphia Record.

### Her Belief.

"Your husband seems to be making a large and unique collection of books," remarked the caller, looking with interest at the costly array of rare volumes on the library shelves.  
"Yes," replied Mrs. Gaswell, with well-bred indifference. "I believe he becomes more bibulous every day he lives."—Chicago Tribune.

### Psychological.

"Do you believe in the power of mind over matter?" asked the mystical man.  
"No," answered the practical friend.  
"I believe in the power of matter over mind. I have known a dull, insensate tack hammer, by one swift rap on the thumb, to make a man say things that he had not thought of for years."

### Trouble in the Stable.

"Do you know," said the long-tailed horse jeeringly, "you're a has-been now? You are no longer the style in the stables of the Prince of Wales and his set."

"I'll believe it when I hear it from some authoritative source," coldly replied the doctored horse, "and not from idle gossip. You are merely a common, ordinary tail-bearer."—Chicago Tribune.

### A Kind Word For William.

"Shakespeare didn't have the genius to make a million dollars," remarked the servile citizen.  
"No," answered the millionaire who has been flattered before. "But let us not look down on Shakespeare. Let us give him credit for having sense enough to be comfortable and happy without demanding such an immense amount of capital for the enterprise."—Washington Star.

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